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ACTION EB-11

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRN, DA

SUBJ: CIVAIR: PANAM BERLIN-COPENHAGEN ROUTE

REF:COPENHAGEN 979

1. FOLLOWING APRIL 9 FILING OF NEW PANAM SCHE-  
DULE (REFTEL), PANAM ROUTINELY APPLIED TO AIR-  
PORT AUTHORITIES FOR REQUIRED SLOTS AND SERVICING.  
ACCORDING TO LOCAL PANAM REP, SAS (WHICH WAS  
AIRPORT AND PANAM SERVICE CONTRACT) STATED IT  
COULD NOT HANDLE FLIGHT 107 AT PROPOSED 11:15 A.M.  
DEPARTURE TIME FOR BERLIN. AIRPORT AUTHORITIES  
TOLD PANAM THAT SAS TURNDOWN IS NOT JUSTIFIED  
BECAUSE, UNDER CONTRACT ARRANGEMENTS, SAS SHOULD  
AT THAT TIME OF DAY HAVE SUFFICIENT PERSONNEL  
ON HAND TO HANDLE FLIGHT 107 AND, IN FACT, SEVERAL  
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MORE. DISCUSSIONS CONTINUE AND PANAM

(WITH NEW YORK APPROVAL) PLANS TO BRING MATTER TO A HEAD BY GOING TO HIGHER-LEVEL CIVAIR AUTHORITIES AND, IF NECESSARY, CANCELLING SERVICE CONTRACT WITH SAS.

2. ACCORDING TO PANAM REP, PRESENT SAS MANUEVER IS INTENDED TO FORCE FLIGHT 107 DEPARTURE TO BE SCHEDULED IN AFTERNOON SO AS NOT TO CONFLICT WITH SAS COPENHAGEN-EAST BERLIN FLIGHT WHICH LEAVES AT 10:25 A.M. THREE TIMES A WEEK (INTERFLUG HAS OTHER THREE DAYS). SINCE MUCH OF TRAFFIC ON THIS FLIGHT HAS WEST BERLIN DESTINATION, DELAYS IN TRANSIT BETWEEN EAST AND WEST BERLIN WOULD BRING PASSENGERS TO WEST BERLIN LATER THAN IF THEY TOOK PANAM FLIGHT DEPARTING COPENHAGEN 50 MINUTES LATER. PANAM IS DETERMINED TO HOLD TO PRESENTLY FILED SCHEDULE BECAUSE IT BELIEVES THAT ANY LATER TIMING WOULD PROVE SERIOUSLY DETRIMENTAL TO TRAFFIC POSSIBILITIES.

3. WE HAVE SUGGESTED TO PANAM REP THAT HE TRY HIS UTMOST TO RESOLVE PRESENT DISPUTE AT TECHNICAL LEVEL AT LEAST UNTIL FILING IS APPROVED BY CIVAIR AUTHORITIES. WE SUSPECT, HOWEVER, THAT SAS PLOY ON DEPARTURE TIME IS PART OF LARGER STRATEGY TO OPPOSE PANAM COPENHAGEN-BERLIN SERVICE.

4. TOGETHER WITH PANAM REP, WE WILL REASSESS SITUATION EARLY NEXT WEEK. IF SAS CONTINUES TO REFUSE SERVICING AND APPROVAL OF FILING NOT YET RECEIVED, PANAM REP MAY FEEL OBLIGATED ON BASIS HIS INSTRUCTIONS TO PRESS ISSUE WITH HIGHER AUTHORITIES. WE WILL SUPPORT AS APPROPRIATE BUT TRY TO KEEP ISSUE OUT OF POLICY LEVEL.  
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